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beg every reader who honestly stands for the fundamentals of the faith, who opposes modernism, worldliness, and formalism, each one who can possibly do so, to send subscriptions NOW, getting them in the mail before midnight, January 15.

We urge all who can to renew their own subscription and then to see that they share the blessings of THE SWORD OF THE LORD with somebody else. "Every one of us shall give an account of himself to God" (Rom. 14:12). You remember that Cain, after he killed his brother Abel, said, "Am I my brother's keeper?" We are our brothers' keepers. We have to give an account for the efforts we make to win souls, for the help we give to Christian brothers and sisters. Yes, the growth of our relatives and friends in the Christian life, helping them to learn the Word of God, safeguarding them doctrinally so they will not be led away by false cults and modernists, is the responsibility of every Christian. Some lost souls near you ought to receive THE SWORD OF THE LORD sent to them with loving care and with earnest prayer. Because we must give an account to God for those about us and because we are our brothers' keepers, I earnestly beg you to send in subscriptions for others and do it now.

Thousands will take advantage of this blessed opportunity to re-

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The Man Who Pursued

DEATH

By Evangelist Hugh F. Pyle

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Rev. Hugh F. Pyle

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"And there was a very sore battle that day; and Abner was beaten, and the men of Israel, before the servants of David.

And there were three sons of Zeruiah there, Joab, and Abishai, and Asahel: and Asahel was as light of foot as a wild roe.

And Asahel pursued after Abner; and in going turned not to the right hand nor to the left from following Abner.

Then Abner looked behind him, and said, Art thou Asahel? And he answered, I am.

And Abner said to him, Turn thee aside to thy right hand or to thy left, and lay thee hold on one of the young men, and take thee his armour. But Asahel would not turn aside from following of him.

And Abner said again to Asahel, Turn thee aside from following me: wherefore should I smite thee to the ground? How then should I hold up my face to Joab thy brother?

Howbeit he refused to turn aside: wherefore Abner with the hinder end of the spear smote him under the fifth rib, that the spear came out behind him; and he fell down there, and died in the same place: and it came to pass, that as many as came to the place where Asahel fell down and died stood still." (II Samuel 2:17-23).

Text: "... he that pursueth evil pursueth it to his own death." (Prov. 11:19).

Strange, isn't it, that a man would run right into the spear of death? But fleet-footed Asahel has millions of cousins living today! And if you're not saved, you're among them!

Some people never learn.

Asahel should have known he could be no match for the mighty Abner. And sinners should know they are no match for the Devil!

But men and women rush blindly on, under the wrath of a holy God but refusing to admit it, pursuing death but foolishly denying it, following the great Abner of sin and Satan till death strikes them through!

"The soul that sinneth, it shall die" (Ezek. 18:4).

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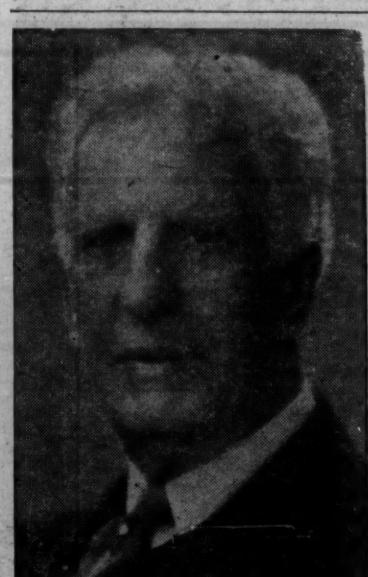
The Ministry for Our Day

By Dr. W. B. Riley

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Written in 1947

Scripture Reading — Titus 2



Dr. W. B. Riley

Young men, consciously called to the ministry, are favored indeed if privileged years of preparation at the feet of a great teacher. Doubtless one reason why the twelve apostles became immortal was the circumstance that eleven of them were trained at the feet of the MASTER Himself; and Paul, though converted by a vision of the Risen One, became also His disciple, and, having felt the posthumous power of His personality, was made an apostle.

Timothy and Titus were trained at Paul's feet. Their teacher combined in himself many of the greater essentials to high instruction. He was, by nature, brilliant; by opportunity, cultured; by experience, Christian; by legal practice, an orator; and it was a superb privilege that Timothy and Titus enjoyed as favorite pupils of the famed Paul.

His letters to these ardent students have been, to the ministry of twenty centuries, maps marking the way to success, and books of instruction on both professional behavior and possible attainment.

Our theme is stated as "The Ministry for Our Day"; but it is my deliberate intention to make evident that the ministry for our day is the ministry for every century and every country 'till He shall come! These high points I propose to phrase in three suggestions: Sound in Belief, Saintly

in Behavior, and Seeing That Blessed Hope.

Sound in Belief

To Titus, Paul wrote, "Speak the things which become sound doctrine" (Titus 2:1).

A Biblical belief is basal to the gospel ministry.

That is why it seems inconceivable that any theological modernist should ever be spoken of as "a gospel minister."

Some years ago *The Christian Century* of Chicago (a confessedly modernist magazine, perhaps its perfect mouthpiece) said, "The God of the Fundamentalists is one God; the God of the Modernists is another. The Christ of the Fundamentalist is one Christ; the Christ of the Modernists, another. The Bible of the Fundamentalists is one Bible; the Bible of the Modernists is another."

Thereupon the Christian cartoonist, Pace, immediately drew a picture revealing this division, in the form of a cleft in the mountain, on one side of which unbridgeable chasm was written: "The faith once delivered to the saints; namely, the Bible as the

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Salvation for All

The African, the Hebrew and Caucasian Saved Alike

By Rev. B. M. Nottage, Pastor
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Nationally Known for His Radio Ministry



B. M. Nottage

God in gracious love has made salvation as wide as the need. Since "all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God" (Rom. 3:23), salvation from Hell and sin is provided in the death of Christ for all who will repent and believe the Gospel. God will have all men to be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth (I Tim. 2:3-6).

The Lord Jesus "gave himself a ransom for all." Because all have sinned, and the wages of sin is death, Christ died for all "and all who believe in him are justified from all things."

There are three men who trusted Christ, as mentioned in Acts, chapters 8, 9, and 10. These men represent the three great divisions of the human family after the flood.

The Ethiopian, From Africa, Descended From Ham, Saved

In Acts, chapter 8, we have the

case of the Ethiopian, the African. This man enjoyed wealth, position, education, and religion, but he lacked salvation and therefore was not satisfied. God saw his need and sent Philip with the message of salvation. This man heard how Christ, the Lamb of God, was led to the slaughter and (Continued on page 11)

When Satan Goes to His Eternal Abode

By Dr. Lee Roberson, Pastor
Highland Park Baptist Church, Chattanooga, Tennessee

Chapter 12 of "Some Golden Daybreak"

"And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever."—Rev. 20:10.

There are some Bible themes that give the preacher a peculiar joy. The doom of the Devil is one of them. When we look around us and see the effects of sin and Satan, we are glad to announce his final doom. When we look back over the world's history and see the gruesome, blasting work of Satan, we are glad that the Bible gives us the assurance of his destruction and torment.

There are five things I want to give you about Satan and his eternal abode.

I. Satan's Record in Heaven

Satan was once a beautiful angel in Heaven. His pride became so great that it brought his expulsion from Heaven. (Read Isa. 14:12-14.)

Lucifer refers to Satan. It means "Day-star." After he was put out of Heaven, his name was Satan, which means adversary. The "I will" of Lucifer marked the beginning of sin in the universe. The shortest definition of sin is man's will against God's will.

Satan was cast out of Heaven, but he still has access to Heaven and is able to go and to accuse believers. This is illustrated with Job 1:6-12:

"Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan came also among them. And the Lord said unto Satan, Whence comest thou? Then Satan answered the Lord and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it. And the Lord said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil? Then Satan answered the Lord, and said, Doth Job fear God for nought? Hast not thou made an hedge about him, and about his house, and about all he hath on every side? thou hast blessed the work of his hands, and his substance is increased in the land. But put forth thine hand now, and touch all that he hath, and he will curse thee to thy face. And the Lord said unto Satan, Behold, all that he hath is in thy power; only upon himself put not forth thine hand. So Satan went forth from the presence of the Lord."

II. Satan's Reign on the Earth

When Satan was cast out of



Dr. Lee Roberson

Heaven he came to the earth. The Word clearly indicates the great power that Satan has in connection with this world. Paul speaks of him as "the prince of the power of the air" (Eph. 2:2). In II Corinthians 4:4 the apostle calls him "the god of this world."

Jesus referred to Satan as the prince of this world. "Hereafter I will not talk much with you: for the prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in me" (John 14:30). These verses reveal to us the power of Satan and his place of rulership on the earth.

If you hesitate to accept the fact of the Devil, there is a simple test that you can make which will convince you forever that there is a Devil of power. Accept Christ as your Saviour and begin to work for God and you will soon find out about the adversary. There is a tremendous war going on in the world. It is Christ against Satan. It is light against darkness. It is life against death.

Satan's success in his work is evidenced by the hospitals, the insane asylums, the jails, the constant turmoil of the world. It is because of Satan that our nation spends fifteen billions of dollars per year on crime. Lawlessness is not of God; it is of Satan. No wonder that Paul exhorted us to put on the whole armour of God.

We read in Ephesians 6:11-17: "Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and

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Will Southern Baptists Support College Dances?

Wake Forest College Students Burn in Effigy State Baptist Convention President, Break Up Chapel to Stage a Dance, Cheer Dance Master, Arthur Murray, Shout, "Down With the Baptists"

By the Editor

The Christian public was shocked when some time ago Wake Forest College, the largest college supported by Southern Baptists in North Carolina, after official approval by its board of trustees, began having regular dances on the campus. Meredith College for women, also a Southern Baptist school in North Carolina, also officially approved on-campus dancing. Since most of the Southern Baptists are fundamentalist in doctrine and oppose the out-and-out worldliness of the modern dance, a great deal of indignation has existed among these Christians who are expected to support with their money the Southern Baptist program, which in North Carolina supports these schools.

The Baptist State Convention, in the November 20 meeting in Raleigh, North Carolina, "voted strongly," the Associated Press reports "about 85 per cent of the delegates in a standing vote—last night against on-campus dancing, terming it demoralizing and tending toward immorality."

There was an immediate and shocking reaction at Wake Forest College. The *Chicago Daily Tribune* for Friday, November 22, published the Associated Press dispatch as follows:

Wake Forest Students Defy Baptist Ban on Dancing, Choose Partners

"Winston-Salem, N. C., Nov. 21 (AP)—The entire Wake Forest college student body, about 1,900 students, walked out of the chapel program at 10:15 a. m. today in a demonstration against the North Carolina Baptist convention's ban of on-campus dancing.

"A number of students of the Baptist supported college later gathered on the patio to dance to music from a radio placed in the window of a campus building.

"The walkout followed a demonstration last night during which Dr. J. C. Canipe, outgoing convention president, was burned in effigy. The Baptist state convention, meeting at Raleigh, voted strongly—about 85 per cent of the delegates in a standing vote—last night against on-campus dancing, terming it demoralizing and tending toward immorality.

Students Walk Out

"Dr. Thane McDonald, director of music, in charge of today's chapel program, told the students before the walkout: 'We'll have a very brief program because I understand we have a deadline to meet . . .'

"This was greeted with applause. The college chorus then sang 'The Lord's Prayer,' but before another hymn could start an alarm clock went off.

"Dr. McDonald commented, 'that's too soon.' The chorus started 'Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing,' but after only a couple of bars some students jumped up and shouted, 'Come on, let's go.' The students left.

Cheer for Arthur Murray

"Outside the chapel some students began to chant, 'We want to dance. We want to dance.' Another group started a cheer for Arthur Murray.

"Dean W. C. Archie said he had no comment concerning the demonstration.

"The state convention, a member of the Southern Baptist convention, also adopted a motion calling for the creation of a special committee of 17 which would, among other things, investigate 'attitudes, activities, or organizations' on the campuses of Baptist colleges which might be 'hindering the development of a generally spiritual atmosphere.'

"About 500 or 600 students, mostly male, participated in a protest demonstration last night. Hi-fi record players blasted at full volume as the laughing and cheering

Noteworthy NEWS Notes

Fuller Broadcast Reduced to Half Hour

Dr. Charles E. Fuller, director of "The Old Fashioned Revival Hour" broadcast announces that, after January 12, his radio broadcast will be reduced to one half hour, and will become a studio program, not broadcast from the Municipal Auditorium at Long Beach.

Dr. Fuller says, "Rudy and George will still be with us," but the quartet will be dropped.

Dr. Fuller has carried on thirty-three years of radio ministry with great blessing, and for his ministry we thank God.

Christian Life magazine (Sept., 1957) reported that the Marble Collegiate Church of New York City received the most decision cards of any New York City church as a result of the summer's Billy Graham crusade. Pastor of this church is Dr. Norman Vincent Peale. The magazine states that the Marble Collegiate Church is "not generally known as evangelical."

J. C. Penney, of the Penney Chain Stores, has said that "If a man is too busy to worship God twice on Sunday and on Wednesday nights, he has more business than God intended that he should have."

campuses, affected seven Baptist colleges in the state.

Modernism Has Long Been an Issue in North Carolina Baptist Colleges

Years ago Dr. Poteat taught the evolutionary theory as opposed to the immediate, direct creation of man and beast by the hand of God as taught in the Bible. He was kept for many years and defended by Wake Forest officials. From time to time other questions have arisen concerning the teaching of various teachers in Wake Forest College.

Meredith College for women has been openly modernistic in policies. It was in the spring of last year that Meredith College had as a speaker the notorious infidel, Dr. Nels Ferre. Ferre published the startling statement:

"As a matter of fact, the reference in John to the claim by the Jews to the effect that they were not born in adultery could give external credence to a Nazi claim that Jesus was German. Mary, we remember, was found pregnant before her engagement to mild Joseph. Nazareth was hard by a Roman garrison where the soldiers were German mercenaries. Jesus is also reported throughout a continuous part of the history of art, it is claimed, to have been blond. This is supposedly unnatural for the Mediterranean countries where this same tradition started and was continued. Hence Jesus must have been the child of a German soldier! After all, the claim develops, such is the experience of many girls near military camps. His great genius, spiritual agony, and serene victory would thus be accounted for, as far as the unusual conditions go which gave him the chance to respond in an exceptional manner in the fullness of time. Such an interpretation has been made of his life, and who can deny that such a conjecture could be true?"

(Page 191 of the book, *The Christian Understanding of God*.)

Again and again Ferre teaches that Jesus was not infallible, that Jesus sinned, that Jesus did not know everything. And he wrote an entire book, *The Sun and the Umbrella*, to show that the worship of Jesus is a hindrance to the understanding and trust of God.

Nor were Meredith College officials ignorant of Ferre's stand. They invited him after he had become an issue among Southern Baptists, because of the furor which arose over his invited series of lectures at the Southern Baptist Seminary at Louisville.

We do not think it is surprising that when people lose their convictions about the historic Christian faith they also lose their conviction.

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Charles Spurgeon's Letter to a Young Man

By the Editor

Below we publish a photostatic reproduction of a letter written July, 1890, by the famous Charles H. Spurgeon, pastor of the Metropolitan Tabernacle in London. It was written to Arthur Layzell, Arthur's father, a minister, had prayed with Spurgeon and other ministers for the salvation of his son. We do not know what the other ministers did, but Spurgeon wrote these sons and daughters, including young Arthur. He then attended Mr. Spurgeon's tabernacle.

The letter is sent to us by Rev. A. R. Yielding, pastor of Grace Church, Newmarket, Ontario, Canada. Arthur Layzell had come to Canada and for many years attended

Jarvis Street Baptist Church in Toronto, pastored by Dr. T. T. Shields. Then for the last ten years or so of his life he worshiped in Brother Yielding's church in Toronto. All his life Arthur kept the letter from Charles Spurgeon, which had led him to go to his room to pray and receive Christ as Saviour. Upon his death at 65, the letter was given to Brother Yielding.

How blessed it would be if all of us would write personal letters to those we know and love who ought to be saved! And how important it is that children should not only be prayed for, but should be urged to trust Christ as Saviour.

Mr. Spurgeon's Letter

Send her this letter
 My Dear Arthur Layzell
 Westwood,
 Norwood, July 17/90

I was a little while ago at a meeting for prayer where a large number of ministers were gathered together. The subject of prayer was "our children". It soon brought the tears to my eyes to hear those good fathers pleading with God for their sons & daughters. As they went on entreating the Lord to save their families, my heart seemed ready to burst with strong desire that it might be even so. Then I thought, I will write to those sons & daughters, remind them of their parents' prayer.

Dear Arthur, you are highly privileged in having parents who pray for you. Your name is known in the courts of heaven. Your case has been laid before the throne of God. Do you not pray for yourself? If you do not do so, why not? If other people value your soul, can it be right for you to neglect it? All the entreaties & wrestlings of your father will not save you if you never seek the Lord yourself. You know this.

You do not intend to cause grief to dear mother & father: but you do. So long as you are not saved, they can never rest. However obedient & sweet, kind you may be, they will never feel happy about you until you believe in the Lord.

Jesus Christ, too, find everlasting salvation. Think of this. Remember how much you have already sinned. None can wash you but Jesus. When you grow up you may become very sinful. None can change your nature, make you holy, but the Lord Jesus, through His Spirit.

You need what father & mother seek for you, & you need it now. Why not seek it at once? I heard a father pray, "Lord, save our children;

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Serious Days in America

Vice-President, Sword of the Lord Foundation
By Evangelist Walt Handford

On the religious scene here in America we are passing through the most serious days in twenty-five years. The first twenty-five or thirty years of the twentieth century marked the rise and growth of modernism in our denominations. It was during this period that many Christian colleges and seminaries were taken over by modernistic and infidel religious forces. Young preachers coming from these schools honeycombed the churches of our great denominations with modernism. Then the early 1930's marked the great revolt against modernism and saw the establishment of what we now know as fundamentalism. Many of the independent, interdenominational, fundamental movements found their origin during this period or slightly later.

However, a generation has passed since the great controversy, and the last few years have marked a serious defection among fundamental men. Many prominent, evangelical men today are seeking to break down the clear lines between modernism and fundamentalism. They advocate a movement toward fellowship with some of the very modernistic leaders from whom fundamentalist leaders of a generation ago separated themselves. Organizations once firm on the fundamentals are compromising. Some schools which were until recently staunchly fundamental are slipping, partly due to financial pressures and partly to growing false intellectualism. Many good men have been swept away in the avalanche of compromise.

I firmly believe that the next five or ten years will reveal the tremendous importance of these present days through which we are passing.

Today as possibly never before, America needs THE SWORD OF THE LORD. Mordecai suggested

that Queen Esther "was come to the kingdom for such a time as this" (Esther 4:14). Surely God has raised up Dr. John R. Rice and groomed him for just such a unique opportunity as this. Amazingly, few men are standing firm today. Other men, though they agree with Dr. Rice on the principles of separation which he preaches, are afraid to stand up and be counted. Their letters of encouragement say, "Please don't quote me." Part of Dr. Rice's unique position in helping stem the tide of compromise is that few who are standing true about this matter have the ear of so many preachers and common people distributed in so many groups. Through the pages of THE SWORD OF THE LORD each week Dr. Rice can color the thinking of thousands of preachers and Christian leaders across America. You, too, may have a part with Dr. Rice in maintaining his clear-cut stand for the fundamentals of the faith and against compromise. Every subscription to THE SWORD OF THE LORD increases Dr. Rice's opportunity and influence. Today, as possibly never before, there is a need for your pastor and the leaders in your church to be receiving THE SWORD OF THE LORD. Other preachers in your town and missionaries who represent your church ought also to be receiving the paper.

Then, too, we have the names of hundreds of important Christian leaders in America who ought to be getting THE SWORD OF THE LORD at this momentous time.

An unusual subscription opportunity for you is just closing. On page 9 you will find details and a subscription coupon. Won't you right now help Dr. Rice in this important work of getting out THE SWORD OF THE LORD as widely as possible?

Farewell, Old Year!

I do not know, I cannot see,
 What God's kind hand prepares for me,
 Nor can my glance pierce through the haze
 Which covers all my future ways;
 But yet I know that o'er it all
 Rules He who notes the sparrow's fall.

Farewell, Old Year, with goodness crowned,
 A divine hand hath set my bound,
 Welome the New Year, which shall bring
 Fresh blessings from my God and King.
 The Old we leave without a tear,
 The New we hail without a fear.

—Selected

**Dr. Bob Jones
SAYS:**



When we founded Bob Jones University thirty-one years ago, evangelism was at a very low ebb. World War I was over, and the modernistic bosses in the ecclesiastical machine were taking over a great deal of the church program. We began on the opening night of our school with a revival, and the first emphasis in the school from that night until now has been the evangelistic emphasis. We have trained a good many of the evangelists whose names you know. Not only are our ministerial students soul-winners, but most of our school teachers and Christian housewives and mothers and businessmen are soul-winners. Soul-winning is the business of every Christian. The present evangelistic wave is going to spend itself. We are not having a worldwide revival. Evangelism is being headlined, but the present evangelistic awakening does not compare with the awakening in America before World War I. If the Lord tarries and this evangelistic wave spends itself, we will hear again the old statement, "The day of evangelism is passed." But the day of evangelism will never pass until Jesus Christ comes again. People are going to be saved up

until the time He comes, and it takes the spirit of evangelism to win people to Christ. When the evangelistic wave does spend itself, by the help of God, Bob Jones University will still be emphasizing soul-winning.

Now, if you are interested in a school of the type that we are describing, there are three things you can do to help us. First, pray for us and pray earnestly every day that God will hold this school in line in spite of all the pull of this worldly, loose, immoral age. Second, keep your eyes open for the right kind of students. We want young people who can be trained for real Christian leadership. You know such young people, and you can turn them to Bob Jones University. Third, if you have some of the Lord's money, and you want to invest it so it will do the most good possible to the most people possible in the shortest time possible, put at least some of that money in Bob Jones University; and we will use it for the glory of God. Thank you and God bless you.

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With the Evangelists

REPORTS FROM AMERICA'S OUTSTANDING SOUL WINNERS

By the Editor

(NOTE: We are happy to publish honest reports of blessed revivals from trustworthy evangelists and churches. However, if you send us your report for publication, PLEASE give exact statistics, as far as possible, concerning conversions, rededications, additions, etc., or we may not print it. We especially appreciate reports from pastors and chairmen of union campaigns.)

E V A N G E L I S T D E L FEHSENFELD of 4521 Jarboe, Kansas City, Missouri, reports a good meeting held recently in the First Baptist Church of Fowler, Colorado, where Rev. Clyde Shaffstall is pastor. Brother Fehsenfeld says that the meeting was a genuine revival in the Bible meaning of the word with 41 who found Christ as Saviour, 10 uniting with the church by letter and 6 others presenting themselves as candidates for church membership. Among those saved were 3 alcoholics, a doctor, a barber, a cafe proprietor and several church members. In one service, 19 fathers with the mothers pledged to start family altars and put the matter of building a Christian home ahead of other activities. Eighteen young people pledged to never dance and to obey I Corinthians 10:31, abstaining from all worldliness. This was Evangelist Fehsenfeld's second meeting in the First Baptist Church, Fowler, Colorado.

Rev. John H. Smith, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Wabash, Indiana, also tells of a good meeting with Brother Fehsenfeld, November 20 through December 1. During the meeting there were 12 first-time professions of faith, 12 indicating that they would begin family altars, and 26 indicating they would begin to tithe. Since the meeting they have baptized 13 and 6 others have joined or indicated that they would join. Fourteen of the nineteen are adults. Brother Smith highly recommends Evangelist Fehsenfeld and says that their attendance and offerings are up and more people are doing visitation work since the meetings.

Rev. Clay Deaver, First Baptist Church, Colchester, Illinois, reports a good meeting with **E V A N G E L I S T C A R L Y L E S C O T T** of 713 Whitlock Avenue, Crawfordsville, Indiana. Brother Deaver was enthusiastic in recommending Carlyle Scott as one of the best evangelists he has ever had. Christians were revived, and there were 3 adults and 1 child saved.

Rev. Harry E. Walmer, pastor of the Calvary Community Church, Statesville, North Carolina, writes of a splendid meeting held by **R E V . D O N W I L S O N**, a graduate of Bob Jones University and a resident of Greenville, South Carolina. During the revival there were 14 first-time decisions for Christ and 7 rededications. The pastor recommends Brother Wilson as a man with spiritual depth, fervor and power that are rarely seen in such a young man.

Good word has also come from Rev. Martin Mosier, who reports a blessed meeting with Evangelist Don Wilson in a small mountain community church. During the meeting there were 12 saved and 2 rededications. Brother Mosier reports that old and young alike were received and that he recommends Evangelist Don Wilson without reservation.

Sword of the Lord **E V A N G E L I S T P A U L F E R G U S O N** has just conducted two splendid revival campaigns. First with the Midland Park Baptist Church of Charleston, South Carolina, where there were 20 professions of faith and 8 rededications. The Rev. Charles Betty is pastor of this small but growing work.

The second revival meeting was with the Friendship Baptist Church of North Charleston, South Carolina. In writing Evangelist Bill Rice about the meeting, Mr. Ferguson said,

"We had 75 come forward for the invitation for full surrender and fullness of the power of the Holy Spirit. Fourteen people

saved. Thirteen were saved before the services but came forward to make public professions of faith."

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Sword of the Lord **E V A N G E L I S T P A U L F E R G U S O N** was recently in a revival campaign with the Annapolis Community Bible Church in Annapolis, Maryland. The Lord gave a wonderful revival campaign during the one week's meeting. The Pastor, Rev. C. W. Hatcher, wrote Dr. Bill Rice as follows:

"In one week, 29 were saved, 15 joined the church by letter. I want to thank Dr. John Rice for giving me Brother Ferguson's address. Brother Ferguson has a wonderful knowledge of the Bible. Any church will be blessed to have him for a meeting."

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Reports have just come in of two revival campaigns conducted by Sword of the Lord **E V A N G E L I S T J. OSCAR WELLS** last summer. One was with the Beaver Dam Baptist Church of Vinton, Virginia, where Bill Schroeder is pastor. There were 28 conversions and 47 rededications in this campaign. This was the second time Evangelist Wells had been in this church with this Bob Jones-trained pastor.

Evangelist Wells also conducted a revival campaign with the Johnston Chapel church of Princeton, West Virginia, where James W. Jones is pastor. In this campaign there were 30 conversions and 14 rededications. The church and pastor were delighted with the campaign and have invited the evangelist to return.

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Evangelist Bill Rice, director, Sword Staff of Evangelists, received the following letter from Pastor John W. Georgeson of the Calvary Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada:

"We had **E V A N G E L I S T J. OSCAR WELLS** with us here in Calvary Baptist Church from November 4th to November 10th. We had intended carrying on until November 17th but an outbreak of flu in this community compelled us to close after just one week.

"Nevertheless during the week we had Christians restored to fellowship and sinners saved. Also, an all-time high in our Sunday School attendance. We were really impressed and inspired with Brother Wells' ministry. He is surely a man of God and really out for souls. I don't think anyone will ever forget his enthusiastic preaching and his house-to-house visitation program.

"We feel the impact of this campaign will bring results for many months to come. We can surely recommend Brother Wells to any church desiring a revival that will bring results."

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Sword of the Lord **E V A N G E L I S T J. OSCAR WELLS** recently conducted a revival campaign with the Calvary Baptist Church of Roseville, Michigan, in which there were 55 conversions and 6 rededications. The campaign was not only wonderful because of the many souls saved, but was timely because of a very serious division that had recently taken place in the church. The members of the church felt the meeting served to greatly strengthen and unite them as they prepare and plan for the days ahead.

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All Sword evangelists are willing to go to any church, large or small, as God clearly leads. For information and dates about any of these godly men, you may write Dr. Bill Rice, director, in care of this paper.

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By Rev. Charles A. Himes
Manager, Sword Book Room,
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A New Year's Resolution

I will, like Paul, FORGET those things which are behind and press forward; like David, LIFT up mine eyes unto the hills from whence cometh my help; like Abraham, TRUST implicitly in my God; like Enoch, WALK in daily fellowship with my Heavenly Father; like Jehoshaphat, PREPARE my heart to seek God; like Moses, CHOOSE rather to suffer than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season; like Daniel, COMMUNE with my God at all times; like Job, be PATIENT under all circumstances; like Caleb and Joshua, REFUSE to be discouraged because of superior numbers; like Joseph, TURN my back to all seductive advances; like Gideon, ADVANCE even though my friends be few; like Aaron and Hur, UPHOLD the hands of my spiritual leaders; like Isaiah, CONSECRATE myself to do God's work; like Andrew, STRIVE to lead my brother into a closer walk with Christ; like John, LEAN upon the bosom of the Master and imbibe of His Spirit; like Stephen, MANIFEST a forgiving spirit toward all who seek my hurt; like Timothy, STUDY the Word of God; like the heavenly host, PROCLAIM the message of peace on earth and good will toward all men; and like my Lord Himself, OVERCOME all earthly allurements by refusing to succumb to their enticements.

Realizing that I cannot hope to achieve these objectives by my own strength, I will rely upon Christ, for "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

—George Burger

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By the Editor

Last October we received a letter from Missionary Joe Weatherly, who led in a wonderful work of Gospel literature distribution in India. He worked with an inter-mission committee in India and helped us to get translated and published in India the booklet, "What Must I Do to Be Saved?" in a number of dialects and languages.

Now he is in Singapore, on the Malay Peninsula, adjoining the heart of Indonesia, and he wishes to publish the pamphlet there.

Missionary Weatherly's Letter

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The imperative lies inherently in the very nature of the case. The natural procedure is to start any Gospel program with the Jew. Sentiment calls for it; gratitude requires it; and, above all, God commands it! So powerfully was this conviction borne in upon the conscience of Paul, and so important did he consider Jewish conversion, that he cried out, "I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren who are Israelites!"

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The Ministry for Our Day

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Word of God; Christ as the Son of God," and so on through the essential teachings of Scripture. On the other side of the chasm, "The Bible, containing something of the Word of God; Christ, the son of a carpenter; Evolution, the explanation of all nature, etcetera."

The man who adopts the former for himself and who teaches the same to his fellows is in line with Paul's injunction to Titus, "Believing and speaking sound doctrine"; whereas the cleric who proclaims the second, is a renegade from the "faith once delivered," and he faces the public with a message which may rightly name itself Modernism, but which can lay no claim to either a divine origin, or, for its proclamation, to a divine commission.

The Baptist magazine, *The Watchman-Examiner*, in its "Forum Department" carried in the issue of May 14, 1942, an article on ORDINATION from the pen of W. Everett-Henry. When we commenced reading it, we supposed it would be the usual plea for an A. B., possibly an A. M., college degree, together with a diploma from a theological seminary that had celebrated its centennial, as essentials to "the laying on of the hands"! But, instead, we were treated to a pleasant surprise. It called for "an accurate knowledge of the contents of the Bible as a condition of ordination." Certainly! Young men going forth to practice medicine are supposed to be made familiar with the science of *materia medica*. Young men entering the profession of the law are supposed to have studied *jurisprudence* for some years; and young men entering the ministry, whatever else they do not know, should be familiar with *SCRIPTURE*.

That is why the Bible training schools of the country are rapidly outgrowing the theological seminaries; and that is why the churches of the country are accepting their output in such a large measure as to greatly disturb seminary centers.

In my own case, though having my college degrees of A.B. and A.M. and a full course diploma from a noted seminary, I left both institutions with a better knowledge of geology than I had of Genesis, having given far more time to the dead languages than to "the living Word."

That experience accounts for the fact that for those who are graduating from Northwestern, my school, BIBLE study has been their major; and, while not neglecting cognate requirements, the emphasis for the daily task has been put at this pivotal point—*Bible study!*

This age needs a knowledge of Scripture as badly as any previous century ever needed it; and its material, social, and spiritual salvation can look for help to no other source. If the principles enunciated and practices commended by sacred Scripture cannot cure society of its ills, in vain will be the preaching of all nostrum-substitutes.

Christ said, "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." And to all those who ask, "What is truth?" we answer, "Thy word is truth."

Little wonder, then, that Paul, writing to Timothy, placed his emphasis where he did: "Preach the word."

In sending forth each class of graduates, we bring no new advice; but for the sake of emphasis repeat the apostolic advice—"Preach the word."

It is a custom these days for school youngsters, in particular, to approach the last visitor who has been asked to address them in chapel, or on state occasion, and ask for his autograph and favorite text. Following my name I commonly put Romans 1:16, "I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth." And as you go forth to proclaim this Word, let me remind you that you have God's eternal promise: "As the rain cometh down, and the snow from

heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater; So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it" (Isaiah 55:10-11).

But it is hardly sufficient for one to be sound in belief. The head may be well stocked with Scripture; and yet unless the heart, the seat of emotions and the director of wills, be also the habitation of God, the feet may stray. Consequently, Paul takes the second step and expects of the preacher

Sainthood in Behavior

The preacher by profession and position becomes a pattern.

"In all things shewing thyself a pattern of good works."—Titus 2:7.

The man who fails to be an example to his flock is, by just so much, unfitted for the gospel ministry. Possibly my personal reputation in America, as far as it has reached, rests largely on my long-continued defense of "Inspiration" and my well-known antipathy to "Skepticism"; and yet I must admit that false doctrines are not the sole cause of Christian defection or church defeat. There is a heresy of conduct that is as deadly to the Christian profession as was ever departure from the truth. Fundamentalism has suffered much from some such!

A preacher may proclaim always and eloquently the fundamentals; and yet if he live the life of the racketeer, if he be constantly guilty of falsehood in statement, if he is known to reek with lust, and by heart-anger, or smoking revolver, to have become a murderer, his proclamation of the truth will never atone for his iniquitous practices. Irrespective of any audiences gathered or honors bestowed, his ministry, instead of advancing the cause of Christ and influencing men Godward, will detract from that cause and widen the path to the pit; for when the heartblind lead the blind, both go into the ditch together.

Horatius Bonar was one of those white souls whose professional precepts and saintly practices rendered him an ideal exponent of the gospel preached, and well did he write in verse these words:

Thou must be true thyself,
If thou the truth wouldest teach;
Thy soul must overflow, if thou
Another's soul wouldest reach;
It needs the overflow of heart
To give the lips full speech.

Think truly, and thy thoughts
Shall the world's famine feed;
Speak truly, and each word of thine
Shall be a fruitful seed;
Live truly, and thy life shall be
A great and noble creed.

R. F. Horton, in his Yale lectures, truthfully said, "What the preacher is determines, in the end, the effect of what he preaches." And again, "The preacher's sermons are but fragments of himself."

One time, two friends of mine had an unusual experience in the close proximity of a few hours. To one, the first baby was born. Naturally, he was pleased and proud. Strangely (?), he confessed to me the very next day that the child was beautiful. The other brought his first book from the press. His face indicated a kindred pleasure; his exuberance, a cognate pride. The reason for this exhilaration, on the part of both, was not far to seek. The one had found, in flesh, a veritable part of himself; the other had beheld in a book his mental image as clearly as a mirror had ever reflected his face. That is exactly what Horton meant when he said, "The preacher's sermons are only frag-

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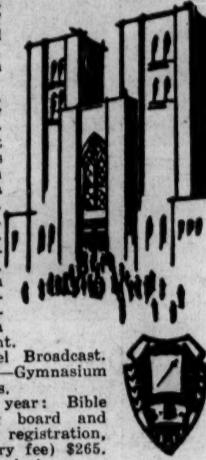
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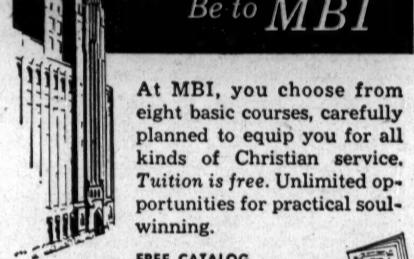
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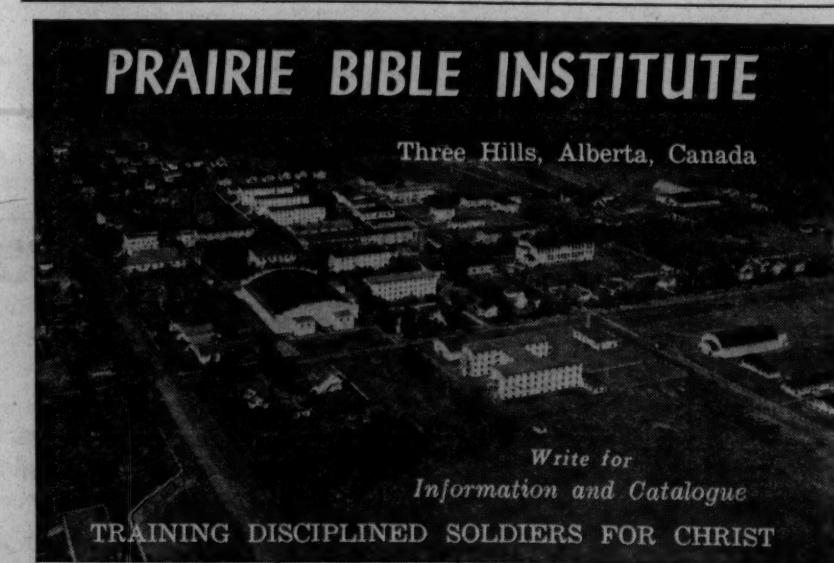
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ments of himself." It is when his life is a pattern that his preaching is with power.

The weight of one's ministry is reflected in membership morals.

Paul told Timothy that "sound doctrine" would result in "sober" old men, beautiful "old women," "affectionate wives" and "successful mothers." Yea, also, that even youth would be persuaded to sobriety, the gainsaying mantled with shame, and even hired servants would become conscientious and competent.

Few men ever lived in a period or place more utterly obnoxious than did Savonarola. He himself spoke of "the whole world" as "in confusion"; he deplored the fact that "every virtue had gone; vice had ceased to blush; rapine and murder were practiced without protest."

The Medici were the undisputed dictators of the day. Lorenzo had established his despotism by the murder of his brother, and had satisfied the lower classes by his munificence and public works. Herrick says he was "cultured but corrupt; of exquisite tastes but profligate habits—writing a sonnet of praise to virtue in the morning and devoting his nights to debaucheries."

Here we have Paul's profound conviction on the subject of pre-millennialism. To him, a man who is to be a good minister of the gospel must proclaim this truth.

Seeing That Blessed Hope

"Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works. These things speak, and exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no man despise thee"—Titus 2:13-15.

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He should entertain it as his personal faith.

"Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ."

How strange that few theological seminaries recognize this most central and cohesive of all Biblical doctrines! As the late and famous I. M. Haldeman of New York said.

"It is bound up with every fundamental doctrine: the resurrection from the dead, the transfiguration of the living, the judgment seat of Christ, the judgment of the living nations, the consequent judgment of the White Throne, the rewards of the righteous, and the punishment of the wicked."

"It is bound up with every sublime promise: the recognition of the dead, the overthrow of Satan, the deliverance of creation, the triumph of God and Christ, and the eternal felicity of the saints."

In other words, it is a key—the loss of which leaves God's treasure chest of truth locked.

Let me congratulate you, young men and women, that your theological training has not done for you what mine did for me—deny you a knowledge of this great truth. Let me plead with you not only to retain what you have been taught these years by members of this faculty on this subject, but to add to that information by a personal study of the Scriptures upon this central subject.

Quite often we come upon magazine articles in which the question is seriously discussed, "Are the ministers of today fit successors of those of yesterday?" and it is much mooted. Modernists in their egotism will answer, "YES! They are an improvement upon their predecessors"; but neither the response of the public nor the progress of our churches provide confirmation to the claim.

England has no Spurgeon today; Joseph Parker's pulpit never found a fit successor. The death of Dinsdale Young has left a vacancy that seems to wait in vain for an adequate successor.

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A Prosperous New Year!

The New Year lies before me,

A spotless, shining thing,
Bright as the promises of God,
Fresh as the breath of spring.

A year to fill with lovely thoughts,
And kindly, helpful deeds,
Losing all consciousness of self,
In prayer for others' needs.

—Sybil Leonard Armes

Will Southern Baptists Support . . .

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victions about a clean life separated from worldliness.

Should Such Schools Be Supported by the Lord's Money Given by Sacrificial, Spiritual Christians?

We do not doubt that there are many fine Christian teachers, devoted men and women of God, in Wake Forest College and in Meredith College, etc. But there are also many fine, devoted Christian men and women teaching in state universities and in other secular education. But are they so distinctively Christian that they deserve the same kind of sacrificial support as soul-winning, Spirit-filled missionaries deserve? Are they enough better than secular schools and colleges in transforming the lives of students, in making Spirit-filled soul winners, in preparing men for the ministry and the mission field—are they so powerfully Christian that they deserve support as definitely Christian institutions?

When the trustees favor on-campus dancing at these Baptist schools, are the trustees good enough Christians to develop great Christian schools? When the head of the music department is in favor of dancing, is his influence decidedly Christian? When the sentiment on the college campus supports the burning in effigy of a noble preacher, Dr. Canipe, president of the North Carolina Baptist Convention, despising him because he gave the opinion that Christians ought not to dance and that dancing ought not to be sponsored, practiced, and taught on the campus of a Christian institution—does that sentiment justify the support of the college by the Lord's money, as a definitely Christian institution? We doubt it. I do not see how any spiritually minded Baptist in North Carolina can conscientiously support the whole Co-operative Program, including Wake Forest College, Meredith College, where Christians are turned into worldlings, and where trustees and teachers encourage the worldliness.

Do not misunderstand me; I think that every person who feels led to support Wake Forest College should do so. I think that every Christian who thinks that dancing makes a better Christian should support the schools that train dancers. Those who are for worldliness will be generally helping Wake Forest unconsciously, for the new 20-million-dollar campus in Winston-Salem and the enlarged program of Wake Forest College was made possible by a tremendous gift by a famous tobacco company (R. J. Reynolds Company, isn't it?). And this company also agreed to give a tremendous amount, hundreds of thousands of dollars each year, for the support of this Baptist school. So every person who smokes a Camel cigarette will be, perhaps unconsciously, supporting Wake Forest College. And I do not object to anybody's supporting it who agrees to the moral standards and doctrinal teaching of Wake Forest.

Whether spiritually minded Christians ought to use God's money, which is supposed to be spent to get out the Gospel, in the support of such worldly, secular-minded schools, divorced from Baptist doctrine and spiritual Christian living, seems to me very doubtful.

But Baptist Schools Are Supported in North Carolina by the Co-operative Program: What Then?

Southern Baptist leaders insist that Baptists ought to give un-designated funds to the Southern Baptist Co-operative Program. In each state the Co-operative Program includes the institutions owned and operated by the Southern Baptists in that state. In North Carolina, the Southern Baptist Co-operative Program gives a certain percentage of its funds to Wake Forest College. So if a North Carolina Baptist church assigns a certain amount of funds to the Co-operative Program, every member giving to that fund will be giving some money to sup-

port these Baptist schools which are in favor of dancing.

We do not object to anybody's supporting Wake Forest College who feels that the money so used will glorify God. Everyone has a right to pray and find the leading of God in such matters. But we do feel that it is a sin to require others to go against their consciences and put the Lord's money, which they feel ought to be used for something better, into the support of these worldly schools. Let all who wish to do so support Wake Forest College, along with the tobacco company. But why should a good Christian who feels led to use God's money to get out the Gospel and for distinctly Christian enterprises be pressured to give to such unspiritual causes?

We are not against freedom to give to the whole program when people wish to do so. We are against this unholly compulsion, this browbeating and accusing and pressuring good Christians to get them to support things that are against their consciences, causes which do not, according to their convictions, honor Christ and which do not maintain the historic Baptist position in doctrine and holiness of life.

That Never-Ending Sore Spot —Rocky Mount

North Carolina Baptists will remember with some pain that a few years back Southern Baptist officials and North Carolina state Baptist officials combined to take the church property away from the Rocky Mount Baptist Church because they voted to withdraw from the Convention and cease support. The Convention officials took the matter to court, to back up a minority of unspiritual Christians in the church, and help that minority to take the property away from the actual church membership which voted in the majority. The judge, who we understand was a Catholic, was so influenced by these Baptist leaders and their testimony under oath, that a church could not be a Southern Baptist church unless it belonged to these conventions and supported the program, that the court gave the church property to the worldly minority which were for the program and the Convention.

Now will any church in North Carolina which refuses to support the whole Co-operative Program be in danger of losing its church property? We think not. We believe there is enough real conviction among Baptist people that they will not allow this departure from the historic Baptist position, this illegal interference by the Government to support Baptist leaders against the majority of a local church. But the question only shows what a serious problem North Carolina Baptists must face. The coercion, the popery, the interference with the autonomy of a local church, the pressure put on every preacher and church member who will not conform to the whole Program, is severe. Old-time Christians are needed who will have convictions, who will pray about their giving and give like they pray, to causes which are true to Christ and the Bible, and to causes which will actually promote the Gospel and get the largest number of people saved.

Again we ask the question: Will North Carolina Baptists, and other Southern Baptists give money to support college dances?

In almost every Southern state there is some such problem facing honest Christians in their own state, besides the Southwide problem of supporting seminaries which cater to infidel speakers like Nels Ferre, Emil Brunner, Robert McCracken, etc.

Other Denominations Face Similar Issues

Some of our Baptist friends will be offended because we have

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Charles Spurgeon's Letter

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and save them young " It is never too soon to be safe; never too soon to be happy; never too soon to be holy. Jesus loves to receive the very young ones.

You cannot save yourself, but the great Lord Jesus can save you. Ask him to do it. He that asketh receiveth." Then trust in Jesus to save you. He can do it, for he died those again that whosoever believeth in him might not perish, but have everlasting life. Come tell Jesus you have sinned; seek forgiveness; trust in him for it, the one that you are saved. Then imitate our Lord. Be at home what Jesus was at Nazareth. Yours will be a happy home, ty dear father & mother will feel that the dearest wish of their hearts has been granted them. I pray you to think of heaven & hell, for in one of those places you will live for ever. Meet me in heaven! Meet me at once at the mercy-seat. Run up stairs spray to the great Father, through Jesus Christ. Yours very lovingly, C. H. Spurgeon.

made an issue of a Southern Baptist college. Actually, there are two reasons for this. One is that this editor, being Southern Baptist in background, is more familiar with Southern Baptist affairs. Thus we can speak with some authority. Another reason is that many thousands of Southern Baptists are readers of THE SWORD OF THE LORD. We want to help them.

But the simple fact is that similar conditions exist in other denominations, usually just as bad, sometimes very much worse. In the Methodist church schools, in Presbyterian, in Evangelical United Brethren church schools, in those of American Baptists, and some others, the teaching untrue to the Bible and worldliness in living is often as bad or worse than that at Wake Forest and Meredith College in North Carolina.

We do not want to get the friendship of others by showing the problems only among Southern Baptists. And on the other hand, we don't want our Southern Baptist friends to feel we are especially picking on them. Here are matters widely spread across the nation on the pages of the daily newspapers. They form the basis for some serious thought on this problem: Should a Christian support any kind of denominational program which is not true to Christ? Or should the Christian put Christ and the Bible first and prayerfully consider where God wants His money used, and thus support only the causes which he feels clearly led to support, as being true to Christ and calculated to bring the best results in getting out the Gospel and transforming Christian lives?

We use this particular case because it is in the news. There would be other cases of Southern Baptist schools where the problem would be similar. There would be other cases in an American Baptist school where the problem would be much worse. That would be true also about many Methodist and Presbyterian schools.

Christians should not yoke up with unbelievers, should not support a false gospel, should not help to break down the faith of college students, nor their morals. Every Christian must give an account to God for what he supports with God's money.

Belief in the Bible

Do not jump overboard from the staunch old-fashioned orthodoxy until there is something ready to take you up stronger than the fantastic yawl which has painted on the side "Advanced Thought" and which leaks at the prow and leaks at the stern and has a steel pen for one oar and a glib tongue for the other oar, and now tips over this way and then tips over that way, until you do not know whether the passengers will land in the breakers of despair, or on the sinking sands of infidelity and atheism.

I am in full sympathy with the advancements of our time, but this world will never advance a single inch beyond the old Bible. God was just as capable of dictating the truth to the prophets and apostles as He is capable of dictating the truths to these modern apostles and prophets. God has not learned anything in a thousand years. He knew just as much when He gave the first dictation as He does now, giving the last dictation, if He is giving any dictation at all. So I stick to the old paths. Naturally a skeptic, and preferring new things to old, I never so much as now felt the truth in the entire Bible. I prefer the thick warm robe which has kept so many warm amid the cold pilgrimage of this life and amid the chills of death. The old robe rather than the thin, uncertain gauze offered us by these wiseacres who believe the Bible in spots.

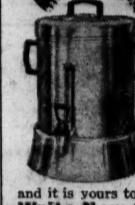
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quate occupant, so the pulpits of Henson, Lorimer, Matthews and Haldeman of America.

The ardent advocates of a standardized ministry still insist that a candidate must bring at least an A. B. from the college, and a Th. B. from the Seminary, in order to receive the approval for ordination at the lips of sectional committeemen. William Law, in a striking address to the clergy, said, "How much then it is to be lamented that though all Scriptures assure us that the things of the Spirit are foolishness to the natural man, yet from one end of learned Christendom to the other nothing is thought of as true but that which every natural, selfish, proud, envious, false, vain-glorious worldly man can do."

A while ago one of our most notable editors, pleading for the university brand of a minister, reminded us that we "are living in an age of education and culture" and then said, "Yes, we know that God can use such men as Moody; but God makes only one such a man in a generation."

Curious, isn't it, that God for a full century, with a veritable multitude of university products from whom to choose and upon whom to put the spirit of power, passed them all up in favor of an uneducated, fat, and awkward shoe clerk; and that in England, with its Cambridge and its Oxford and a thousand other centers of culture. He could not find among them the hand-tooled material that He could take to stir London and pack the Metropolitan Tabernacle, but He must accept the high-school boy Spurgeon!

Strange, isn't it, that the outstanding Bible teacher of all England—Campbell Morgan—should also have come from the non-colleged classes, and, after being refused ordination by his Methodist superiors, become the pride of cultured Congregationalism?

Passing strange it is that when you turn your eyes to the continent of America, the standards of present-day ordination seem almost to be held in contempt by the ordination divine.

Texas is the greatest state in the Union; the First Baptist Church of Dallas, the greatest church in the state; and the late Truett, a non-seminary product, was its greatest preacher.

Broughton held the spotlight in Georgia, but ordination now would be declined him by those denominations that have a college and seminary mold from which the minister must come.

In New York, in the Calvary Church, a high school and Bible school graduate—W. W. Ayer—calls the best and most constant crowd. In Chicago, the thousands throng to hear Ironside, who never brought a diploma from any school. In Fort Wayne, Indiana, by far the largest assemblies used to sit at the feet of a man who never enjoyed even the advantages of the grades, but who came out of a mountain shack to the sidewalks of Atlanta to hawk newspapers on the street and so keep his body and soul together—Hollifield. In the Ozarks, the Salvation Army convert, John Brown, looms as an outstanding preacher and educator of the age!

Is this to inveigh against education? No! But it is to remind the opinionated among scholars and the advocates of fixed standards, that "God is still in His heavens" and His Son still holds the right of appointment to the office of "prophet, apostle, evangelist, pastor, and teacher"; and even though one be a product of the schools, as was Paul, he will never know the highest success in a pulpit except he see that blessed hope so fully and faithfully set forth in the Word of God, and appreciate it as the kingbolt in the bridge of truth.

To preach this hope is to present a great purifying prophecy.

It was the same Haldeman who sanely said, "It is bound up with every exhortation to high, to holy, and to practical Christian living. We are not to forsake the assembling of ourselves together as the manner of some is. On the Lord's Day we are to break bread

and drink the fruit of the vine, to show forth the Lord's death till He come."

It is in view of this doctrine that we are to "love God" and to "love one another"; that we are to "walk worthy of our vocation"; and "Let our moderation be known to all men"; that we are to be "patient," and "longsuffering"; that we are to engage continually in "prayer and supplication"; that we are to live blamelessly before men and God.

In all the universe of God, there is nothing so impressive as the thought that you and I must give a personal account to Him "at His coming!" Our conduct is to be correct and our lives are to be improved in view of this truth."

John in his great epistle tells us our final and full redemption in body, soul, and spirit awaits that hour when he shall appear" for only then shall we be "like him."

I read some time ago from the pen of one Dr. Miller of how a friend had taken a common earthware jar and filled it with altar of roses. It was not long until every particle of the substance of the jar seemed to be penetrated with rich perfume; and long afterwards, even when it was broken to bits, the fragments retained this fragrance. So it is that the blessed doctrine of the Lord's Second Coming perfumes a life and gives to it purity, for He that "hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure."

But, in order to meet the objection of some that this doctrine debilitates the Christian and tempts him to fold his arms and wait the blessed day when the return of the Lord shall right all wrongs, let us continue with the apostle and learn from this chapter that its last needful lesson—namely, that "looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ" is not only the promise of redemption from all iniquity and the purification of life, but also it pertains to "a peculiar people, zealous of good works."

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vice motivated by this "blessed hope"; and no man who is observing can doubt that, among other reasons, why Spurgeon and Dinsdale Young and Campbell Morgan of England; Scofield, Moody, Torrey, Pierson, Gordon, Dixon, Mark Matthews, Griffith-Thomas, James Gray, George Guille, L. W. Munnhall, I. M. Haldeman, and others among the sainted Americans and a hundred living ones, are among the outstanding ministers of God, is due to the circumstance that all believed and proclaimed this blessed hope and saw the stimulating effect upon the services of men and women who were inspired by it.

The young people should know a confession that Dr. Rainsford the radical, of New York City, made some year since. He spoke of his early ministry when he proclaimed with energy the doctrines of orthodoxy, and he said, "At that time, the incongruity of it all had not struck me." Then he added, "Yet, so far as I know, I never influenced more people for good than in those green, unripe days when I was simply preaching the best I knew." What a pity that he ever became sophisticated!

I often say to young people in Northwestern schools,

"Young people, I have sought by my relation to you as president of your school, and through my associates—your professors—to give you the best intellectual training we could accomplish in the time you have elected to devote to study with us. When you have consulted me concerning further studies at college, I have uniformly favored it; but I solemnly declare to you that I would a thousand-fold rather send you forth knowing the contents of this sacred Book, the BIBLE, and proclaiming them in their simplicity of truth and expression, than to see you become Oxford University graduates every one, provided that in the process you went from your 'green, unripe days' of faith to sophisticated skepticism!"

My city, my state, my country, my age need the ministry of sacred Scriptures. They are being destroyed today by the ministry of a godless science. It is a godless science that takes the third-grade child and teaches him that truancy of truth called "the early history of man!" It is a godless science that takes the university sen-

ior and steeps him in the geology of Evolution, rather than in a knowledge of the genesis of revelation. It is a godless science that invents the instruments of destruction and sets the *homo sapiens* (supposedly monkeys, in the finished form of cultured men), to war one with another, wrecking the world.

Better, even, the unscholarly, proclaiming the great gospel of God, than the scientifically trained, preaching 'another, which is no gospel'!

The world is dying today and the world is dying in want of the WORD!! My counsel, then, to you, the children of my affection, the individuals through whom I hope to minister long after my physical tongue is stilled, is this—"Preach the WORD!" Live the Word! Carry the Word around the world! The WORD is the world's only hope!

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When Satan Goes . . .

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blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God."

There would be no sense in giving such a recommendation if there were not a war going on.

III. Satan's Removal From the Earth

In the previous message we spoke of the day when Satan will be removed from the earth.

This is clearly prophesied in Revelation 20:1-3:

"And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years, And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season."

He will be taken as a common criminal and cast into the bottomless pit. He will no longer have any power upon this earth.

When this glad day comes and he is removed, the kingdom of Christ will begin in its fulness upon the earth. The nature of wild beasts will be changed. Wars and rumors of wars will be at an end. The knowledge of the Lord will cover the earth. The curse will be removed from the earth. The saints will rule and reign with Christ. Christ Himself will rule from the throne of David.

When will this chaining of Satan take place? At the close of the tribulation period and after the battle of Armageddon is finished, It may be very near to us, thank God!

IV. Satan's Release for a Little Season

During the thousand-year reign of Christ, the Devil will be chained. During all of this time we will rule and rejoice with Christ. But after the thousand years comes another event of great interest and significance.

"And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison, And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea. And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them."—Rev. 20:7-9.

These verses reveal two very pertinent facts: first, human nature is unchanged; second, Satan's nature will be unchanged by the thousand years in the bottomless pit.

Satan has always been a deceiver. He was a deceiver in the Garden of Eden. He is today. Satan is an attractive deceiver. He does not appear in ugly form to

men, but in a beautiful fashion. He makes himself into an angel of light. Plain, fleshly human nature has always been the same. It is willing to be deceived and led astray by Satan. After the thousand-year reign of Christ on the earth, there will be those who will follow Satan in a final revolt against God.

Who are the ones whom Satan will deceive? They are the ones who will be born in the millennium, born not to the resurrected or translated saints, but born to the people of the nations who enter into the kingdom of God after the judgment of living nations. They cannot be any other. This will be a test for the people born in the millennium. Remember they have had no testing during the thousand years, because Satan has been chained, but now comes the test.

A great number join with the Devil and he leads them against the camp of the saints and the beloved city. The end comes swiftly for all—and "fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them."

Here is a sad fact—but it offers encouragement to those of us who have many disappointments in people. The fact is this: after a thousand years with Christ as King of the earth there will be those who will turn away from Him and go after Satan. It emphasizes the fact that the natural heart is incurably evil.

V. Satan's Reward in Hell

"And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever."—Rev. 20:10.

Satan has never been in Hell. He is not in Hell now. He will not be in Hell until after the millennium reign of Christ. When he goes to Hell, will he be king? No! He will suffer torment as any other lost sinner. He will suffer in a place where the fire is not quenched. After a thousand years the beast and false prophet are still there and unconsumed.

Satan's battle is a losing one. He cannot win. He is a person of power and tricks, but his final doom is set. Those who line up with him will fail also. They will suffer with him in Hell forever. I want no part with the Devil. I want my life to count for Christ and for God.

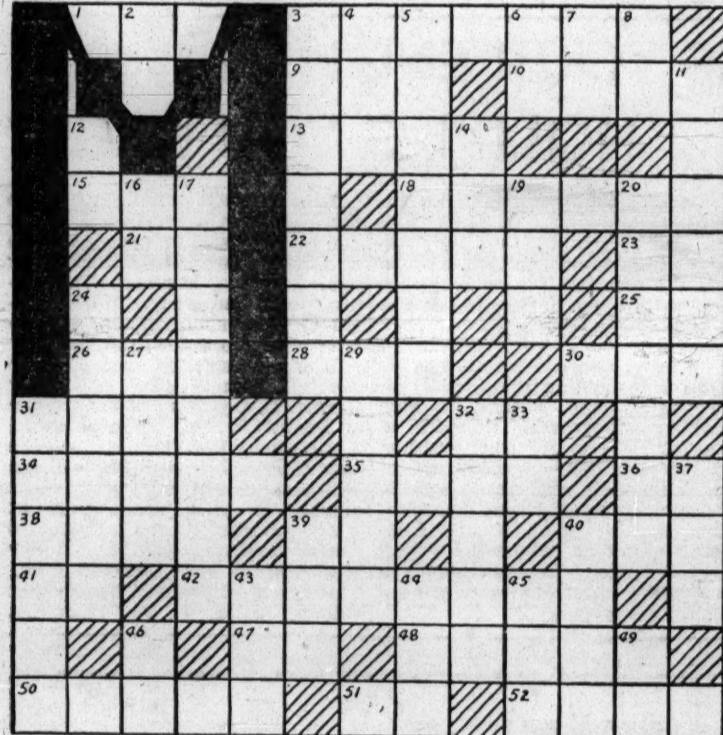
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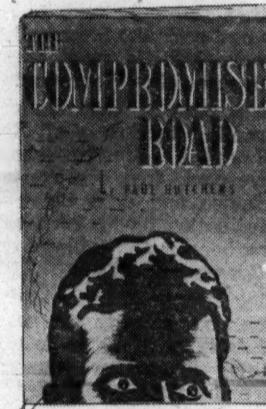
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The Man Who Pursued Death

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"He that pursueth evil pursueth it to his own death!" Thus Asahel followed Abner till the spear of Abner thrust him through!

So, millions today are pursuing death:

At the gambling tables they pursue death!

At the beer taverns and bars they pursue death!

On lonely lanes in parked automobiles they pursue death!

At night clubs and honky tonks they pursue death!

At country clubs and society balls they pursue death!

At high school proms and reefer parties they pursue death!

"For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption!"—(Gal. 6:8).

Corrupt, underhanded politicians pursue death!

Crooked, dishonest business men pursue death!

Unregenerate, Bible-rejecting religious leaders pursue death!

Foul-mouthed humans, belching forth their profanity, thus pursue death!

Married couples, treating the marriage vow lightly, pursue death!

Sex-crazy people, fondling fornication, pursue death!

Gluttons, digging their graves with their own teeth, refusing to be "temperate in all things," pursue death!

And, according to medical science, multiplied thousands of slaves to the cancer-stick known as the cigarette, pursue death!

Cousins of Asahel all!

And every Christ-rejecting soul, attempting by his own works to attain salvation, is pursuing eternal death and sealing his own doom! What about you?

I. How Asahel Pursued Abner, So Pursued Death

Here then, in II Samuel 2, we have the strange case of the man who pursued death!

First I want you to notice that

He Was As Light of Foot As a Wild Roe (vs. 18).

But this did not save him.

Some people foolishly imagine that they can outrun Satan!

But no man is a match for the Devil.

Man, by nature, believes he can match wits with the Devil—but the man who thinks he can outwit the Devil acts like a half-wit!

Men, by nature, are sinners, and have fallen "short of the glory of God" (Rom. 3:23).

Sin has made man an alien, a rebel, an enemy of God.

One characteristic of sinful, fallen man is the egotistical supposition that he can run the race of life alone; that he can track down and defeat the enemies of the human soul. "There is no fear of God before their eyes" (Rom. 3:18).

Men depend upon poise, pep and personality, or upon education, experience and ingenuity, supposing that these qualities (which may impress men) will suffice with God.

It is amazing what men depend upon: money, brains, weight, muscle, friends, influence, position, prestige—but none of these are sufficient to overcome in the battle of life—and death!

Notice that Asahel was running in the same direction Abner was—following him, in fact. This man, "light of foot as a wild roe," could have used those two feet to take him away from danger—but like many a sinner today, he stupidly ran on to his doom!

"Flee youthful lusts," the Bible warns.

Joseph braced himself when flaming temptation was flung before him, and then wisely—took to his heels! (Gen. 39:12).

Elijah ran from Jezebel; too many today are running after her!

"Abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul!" (I Pet. 2:11).

Asahel raced to his doom. His speed didn't save him; it only helped to hasten his destruction! Again,

Asahel Was Brother to Mighty Joab

That may have given him a false sense of security—but it didn't stop the spear of Abner!

People think they can sin and get by because of who they are; or whose family they belong to; or who they know. Some lean on their financial rating or their social standing.

But God is not impressed. No good luck charm can garrison the soul! "Neither is there salvation in any other; for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" (Acts 4:12).

All have sinned and all must be saved. Jesus said, "Ye must be born again" (John 3:7). Christ has provided the only salvation by His substitutionary death on the cross for you!

Joab was unable to save his brother. Then too,

Asahel Was Over-Confident

He pursued after Abner. He kept on keeping on. We would call him a persistent go-getter if he lived today. He knew he could triumph. He was exercising "positive thinking." He was determined to return with Abner as a trophy.

But "pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall!" (Prov. 16:18).

"Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall" (I Cor. 10:12).

You can't tell some people anything.

Service for God Lasts

Roger Babson says—

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"... It burned him, yet he laid it not to heart" (Isa. 42:25).

Asahel would not take to heart the warnings of Abner.

So multitudes of people refuse to take seriously the warnings of the Bible and the warnings of experience. "It won't happen to me," they will assure you.

Here is a girl who begins to date one who is not a Christian. An infatuation develops. She is so sure she is in love; and blinded, she imagines that even though the Bible expressly forbids her to marry an unbeliever, that somehow her case will be different. She will win him to the Lord after they are married. So, gaily she plunges on in. Then comes disillusionment, disappointment, heartache, misery, divorce, shame, a broken heart—pierced by the spear of Abner!

In every church you can see them. Lonely wives coming to church alone—their unsaved husbands sitting at home or out running around in sin; and in the faces of those wives you can behold the unhappiness, the frustration, the defeat, the misery that always results from disobeying God. Just recently a pastor friend of mine had a phone call from a young mother whose drunken husband had just beaten her up before the crying children, battered her face, blackened her eyes, and stomped out of the house!

A boy takes his first drink at a high school dance. Others have acquired the habit for drink but he'll use self-control, he promises. But gradually the bars are lowered, one drink follows another, the crowd gets wilder, the temptation stronger, one drink demands another now. The habit tightens its grip. From beer to wine, to gin, to whiskey he pursues the Abner of habit!

First he drinks happily, then he drinks habitually.

First he drinks delicately, then he drinks daringly.

First he drinks proudly, then he drinks ploddingly.

First he is carefree about it, soon he is crushed by it.

See him later, bloated, profane, bleary-eyed, boisterous—a slave to the Abner of sin until finally one day the spear of Abner thrusts him through. Then, later you may find him chattering idiotically in an institution, or cursing sullenly in a prison cell, or staggering

sloppily in the slums, or wallowing stupidly in the gutter.

A rich woman called her pastor into their lavish home. She told him of her great sorrow because of a drunken son. The young man they had counted on amounting to so much had become a bloated, bleary-eyed sot. "See that check book," she said. "You can write your own amount and its yours if you can do anything for my son!" But the son is already dying of alcoholism. Chunks of his body have come out of his mouth. Doctors tell him just to take a little drink every hour to keep from going crazy until he dies. Oh, this terrible spear of Abner!

People foolishly make friends with worldly, ungodly people, forgetting that the companion of fools shall be destroyed (Prov. 13:20). Soon they are pursuing their pleasures, adopting their habits, embracing their pastimes, bowing before their idols—until finally the spear of Abner strikes again!

A striking illustration is the Chicago woman who was run over and killed by a "former boy friend." He deliberately ran her down. Then made a quick U-turn and ran her down again. He had waited for four hours for the chance to kill her. O, how many have been slain in one way or another by evil companions!

Here are silly parents (who like thousands of thoughtless people today) are permitting the worldly school teachers in today's public school system to teach their little girl to dance. First they call it folk games, then they call it rhythms, then it is the Virginia Reel, then it is square dancing, then it is round dancing, then it is jitterbugging to the jarring jazz music of the day. The steps are learned, the craze is pursued, the seed has been planted.

Now look at the crop: The scene has changed—but it is the same "little girl" years later. The school affairs are too tame now. She is in one of the upholstered sewers known as a night club. She is laughing gaily. The cocktails have her dizzy, the suggestive music has her swaying, the dimly-lit intoxicating atmosphere has her dreaming wildly. How different she looks now from the innocent little lass who once became the pawn of the grammar school dancing class. Her slinky, low-cut gown, her boisterous laughter, the sensual movements of her body, her suggestive submission to her aroused partner tell the story. One thing leads to another. Temptation. Lust. Shame. Remorse. Ruin. It is a tragic story repeated again and again. The spear of Abner is exceedingly sharp!

The same can be said for the person who yields to the temptation to be dishonest. Parents lie before their children to save a dime to get into some place they have no business going anyhow! Is it surprising that the child grows up to lie, cheat, and steal? No surprise at all. The merchant who expects his clerks to cheat for him may one day find the hand of that clerk in his own cash register! The spear of Abner turns up most unexpectedly. Notice again, Asahel

Pursued An Angry Man, Hungry for Revenge (Vs. 17).

Abner was humiliated because of the defeat of his forces that day. This made him all the more ruthless and dangerous. He was like a caged lion or a bear with clubs.

The fact that some Christians are living victoriously registers a defeat for Satan. The fact that some sinners are being saved makes the Devil all the madder. He has "great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time" (Rev. 12:12).

Sooner or later you'll find you're not a match for the "fury of the oppressor." Somewhere I have read of a man who took a little tiger cub home for a pet. It was so cute and "rolypoly." At first it was like a kitten. The cat grew and became rougher. But the owner bragged that he had the animal under perfect control. He supposed that he was its master until one day when the cat was almost a full-grown tiger he was scuffling with it in his yard. His hand was scratched and the beast tasted human blood. Suddenly, in great fury, the big cat leaped upon

the man and tore him apart before the horrified gaze of his family. So the Devil devours the victims of sin.

Salvation for All

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died for his sins. This African believed and was saved, and requested baptism. "See, here is water," he exclaimed, "what doth hinder me to be baptized?"

"If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest," replied Philip. The African replied, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God . . . they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him; . . . and he went on his way rejoicing."

Thank God for such a salvation. He is for the African. He is for all, "For there is no difference."

Saul, the Jew, Descended From Shem

In Acts, chapter 9, we have the case of a Hebrew, a man of Asia. He was also a great man, wealthy, educated, religious, but lost, a hater of Christ and His Gospel.

Salvation and religion are certainly not the same. One can be very religious and yet be lost. This man Saul was on his way to persecute God's people when the ascended Lord Jesus spoke to him from Heaven. He fell to the ground and cried, "Who art thou, Lord?" The Lord replied, "I am Jesus whom thou persecutest." Thus Saul surrendered to the mighty Son of God and was saved on the spot. He also was baptized and became a devoted servant and apostle of our wondrous Lord Jesus. Truly this great salvation is for whosoever will. It is for all who will believe.

Cornelius, the European, Descended From Japheth, Saved

Our third man is a European, and we have his record in Acts, chapter 10. He was a devout man who prayed to God continually and was kind to the people. He, like the other two, the black man and the Jew, lacked God's salvation.

We must learn the great truth that there is salvation in no other name but the name of Jesus. He said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me" (John 14:6). This Roman needed Christ, and Peter preached to him the gospel of Christ who died for our sins, rose the third day and is now Lord and Christ. "To him give all the prophets witness, that through

his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins" (Acts 10:43). This European believed, was saved and baptized like the other two men.

Yes, God's salvation is for who soever. It's for all. It's for you. "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved" (Acts 16:31).

The Forward Look

Lord, make me deaf, and dumb and blind

To all "those things which are behind."

Dead to the voice that memory brings,

Accusing me of many things.

Dumb to the things my tongue could speak,

Reminding me when I was weak.

Blind to the things I still might see,

When they come back to trouble me.

Let me press on to Thy high calling,

In Christ, who keepeth me from falling.

Forgetting all that lies behind—

Lord, make me deaf and dumb and blind.

Like Paul, I then shall win the race,

I would have lost but for Thy grace!

Forgetting all that I have done—

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Can a nation thus long survive? To ask the question is to answer it!

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Why cannot we heed the warning now before the spear of Abner strikes?

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Luxury but no real living!

It is said of one man in the Bible: "His mother was his counsellor to do wickedly" (II Chron. 22:31). What a tragedy! But it could be said of many a mother (and father) today!

Where children are just tolerated or endured.

Where discipline is ignored and children are allowed to sass their parents and dictate the policies of the household. God says, "Withhold not correction from the child," and, "Chasten thy son while there is hope" (Prov. 23:13; 19:18).

Where TV is un-controlled and children are allowed to watch just any and everything.

Where evil magazines and trashy books are permitted to pollute the home.

Why cannot we heed the warning that goes up in fumes of distress and unhappiness from these defeated homes today and say with Joshua, "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord" (Josh. 24:15).

Shattered Faith, Futile Gain, Jails, Medical Science Warn

Then, SHATTERED FAITH and DEAD, WORLDLY, MODERNISTIC CHURCHES warn young preachers to go to Christ-honoring, spiritual, Bible-believing, evangelistic schools for their training—but how many of them, anxious to "belong," seeking great things for themselves, loving the praise of man more than the praise of God, prefer to refuse the warning.

Stretching their consciences to broaden their minds, they fit into little man-made molds of ecclesiastical manipulation until, robbed of their passion for souls, they come out off times substituting "thus-thinketh-the-mind-of-man" for "Thus Saith the Word of God"! Satan substitutes the spear of Abner for the sword of the Spirit.

MONEY WARNS: "Don't make a god of me!" Joining hands with Paul money reminds us on every hand that ". . . they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition" (I Tim. 6:9).

JAILS AND PENITENTIARIES, crowded to capacity, are somber and awful reminders that the way of the transgressor is hard, that honesty always pays, that sin always catches up with the sinner.

MEDICAL SCIENCE WARNS, "Let the cigarette alone," asserting that smoking cuts ten years off the life, and stating that many cancer victims have, because of tobacco, fallen over the spear of Abner. But a silly, gullible public, refusing the warning, will spend more on tobacco during 1958 than ever before, according to the predictions.

The Abner of Strong Drink Daily Screams Its Warning

Millions of duped, deceived, deluded devotees to the wine cup, the cocktail glass, and the beer can are warned by drink and its fearful results.

But does Asahel heed the warning?

The millions of alcoholics say NO!

Hundreds of thousands of skid-row derelicts growl NO!

COUNTLESS numbers of broken homes shout NO.

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Weeping widows and crying children wail NO.

Thousands of fatal accidents, from amid shattered steel, broken glass, bloody seat covers and torn limbs screech NO.

Tens of thousands of young people who annually lose their virtue sob NO.

Multiplied hours lost to industry because of drunkenness sternly reply NO.

And, along with the warning sounded from the Abner of strong drink itself, the *Bible* thunders: "Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging; and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise" (Prov. 20:1). "Woe unto him that giveth his neighbor drink" (Hab. 2:15).

"Put Hand in God's Hand"

"I said to the man
At the gate of the New Year,
'Give me a light that I
May tread safely into the un-
known,'
And he replied, 'Go out into the
darkness
And put your hand into the hand
of God.
That shall be to you better than a
light
And safer than a known way.'"
—Selected

No drunkard shall inherit the kingdom of God! (I Cor. 6:10)—(And every drinker is a potential drunkard; every drunkard was once a social drinker—remember that?)

A big whisky ad read: "Suddenly, Everyone's Drinking Vodka!" But on page one of the same paper was the tragic account of Sgt. McKeon marching six marines to their death in tidal waters—after drinking vodka!

An old man in a wheel chair in a southern town will never walk again. He was a drinker—and whisky paralyzed him. Oh, the grief of Abner's spear!

Four teen-agers speeding 120 miles an hour were killed in the inevitable crash after a beer-drinking party. Trumpet player Bobby Stiles was said by his friends to be "a great musician and a wonderful kid." He died on what police described as a vodka and heroin binge.

A tiny woman, unconscious for three months and 22 days, lay dying in a Chicago hospital. Her weight had dropped from 100 to 78 lbs. The doctors said she would never eat, speak, see, hear, or move again. Her 220-pound husband had come in drunk and decided to stomp her to death, as he started in kicking her with his heavy boots before the screaming children. The husband was to be charged with murder when she died.

Still people will drink—till the spear of Abner thrusts them through!

Lust Solemnly Warns of Ruin to Follow

LUST HOWLS, "Let me alone—go back from pursuing me!"

But thousands of lust-crazy mortals go on in sin.

God has warned men about the whorish woman, about the flattery of the tongue of an evil female: "Lust not after her beauty in thine heart; neither let her take thee . . ." (Prov. 6:25). "Let not thine heart decline to her ways, go not astray in her paths. For she hath cast down many wounded: yea, many strong men have been slain by her. Her house is the way to hell, going down to the chambers of death" (Prov. 7:25-27).

But men are reluctant to listen. Hell is groaning with the victims of lust, and thousands of them give evidence of their ruin and misery before they leave this life. But sex-mad humans turn a deaf ear to the warning.

Hollywood arouses the beast-nature of carnal man till a fire is kindled. Rotten magazines and filthy books add fuel to the fire. Immodest women and girls parading the streets indecently clad scatter the sparks. The bodily contact of the modern dance inflames passion until the bonfire becomes an inferno!

There is no vice that populates white slavery and prostitution today like the cheek-to-cheek, bosom-to-bosom ballroom dance. After a sermon on sin in a southern

city a man came up to talk to me. He had been a coach and bandmaster in the largest high school in that state for 23 years. He said that after watching teenagers for 23 years he could safely say that the high school dance was the breeding-ground or the cover-up for every sin and vice that young people get into. Whether smoking, drinking, dope, petting, lust, or adultery, the dance, he said, was back of it all!

But does Asahel heed the warning?

Broken hearts, filled with remorse, sob NO.

Children warped for life by divorced parents pitifully cry NO.

Thousands of illegitimate babies wail NO.

Droves of young girls in wheelchairs and hospital beds after submitting themselves to an illegal abortion, weep NO.

Hundreds of thousands of remorseful humans, sobbing themselves to sleep on pillows wet with tears, would tell you NO.

Crimes of violence and hideous atrocities thunder NO!

Not until God comes into the life to save the soul will the sinner really heed the warning.

Soon The Battle Was To End

Soon Abner would be slain. Soon the land would know peace. Asahel could have been alive to enjoy it, but he chose to pursue death!

It was a gory and frightful end. ". . . As many as came to the place where Asahel fell down and died stood still" (II Sam. 2:23).

Soon this battle—yea life itself, will end for YOU!

We race on toward eternity. Just before two giant airliners crashed over the Grand Canyon last year one of them was heard from: "We are going . . ." Then silence. And they were gone, 128 souls plunged into eternity.

Stop and think: WE ARE GOING—where?

To go on without Jesus Christ is to die without hope. "Sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death" (James 1:15). Not only the death of the body but the horrible second death—the death of the soul, eternal separation from God in the blackness of darkness forever! (Rev. 20:14, 15; Jude 13). The lake of fire!

But, good news! Someone has already borne your punishment! Someone took your place! Someone died for your sins that you might have everlasting life as a free gift! Jesus Christ died, the just for the unjust, that He might bring you to God! (I Pet. 3:18). Your part is to receive Him! (John 1:12).

The granddaughter of a former governor, a young heiress, plunged to her death recently from a 28th floor Park Avenue penthouse. In a note she left behind she said, "This is the only way out." What a pity someone could not have led her to salvation in Christ.

Surrender to Jesus Christ now: THIS IS THE ONLY WAY OUT!

Turn From Death Today!

How foolish was Asahel who pursued Abner against all warning, and unnecessarily died! You have read the sermon by Evangelist Pyle. Now consider this earnest invitation by the editor. Will you today take warning? Will you consider the end of a life of sin and Christ-rejection? If so, I beg you today to turn your heart from the ways of sin, seek Christ and find Him today! God's arms of mercy are open to every penitent sinner. You may this moment turn to Christ, trust Him for forgiveness and cleansing, give Him your heart forever, and have now everlasting life. In Jesus' name, do it!

If you sincerely confess that you are a lost sinner needing salvation, and if you here and now turn from the love of sin to trust Christ and accept Him as your own personal Saviour, I beg you to decide, then sign the decision form here given. Copy it in a letter and mail it to the editor today. Salvation is yours the moment you honestly turn from sin to Christ and trust Him to save you. Will you do it now? Decide, copy, sign, mail!

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Dear Brother Rice:

I realize that I am a poor lost

sinner, and that the way of sin is the way to ruin in this life, but more specially the way of eternal ruin. God helping me, I confess today that I am a poor sinner who needs saving. I believe that Jesus Christ died in my place and wants to save me. So here and now I confess my sinfulness, I repent in my heart, I trust Jesus to forgive me and save me as He promised to do. Today I give my heart to Christ forever and depend upon Him as my own personal Saviour. I will claim Him as my Saviour and set out to live for Him, by His help, beginning today.

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